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Response To Office Action of 4-11-06

Submitted herewith is an "Amendment to the claims" section in
accordance with 37 CFR 1.121 (7-3-03), an "Amendments to drawing
figures," and applicants response to the claims rejections with an Extension-
of-Time request.

Remarks

The submitted drawing amendments constitute Replacement Sheets
which replace the original hand drawn sheets.

The rejections of claims 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated
by US Patent 6,502,269 (hereinafter 269') is respectfully traversed, in view
of the extensive amendments to this claim which specifically recite the
subject matter of prior claims 1, 2, 3, and 4. Claims 2, 3 and 4 are herein
canceled.

The rejection of claims 6 and 8 is believed to be obviated by their